**Collections for last Sunday**

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| ***Parish*** | ***Gift Aid*** | ***Loose*** | ***Levy*** | ***Total*** | ***Attended*** |
| ImmaculateConception | £241.00 | £70.53 | £83.51 | £395.04 | *102/40*  142 |
| All Saints | £192.00 | £105.51 | £115.07 | £412.58 | 104 |
| St. John’s | £174.00 | £40.00 | £24.25 | £238.25 | 35 |
|  |  |  |  | £1045.87 | 281 |

St John’s Christmas Coffee Evening raised £200 for Parish Funds - many thanks to those who supported.  
Christmas Sunday Lunch raised £438. Grateful thanks to Yvonne and her able team and all the patrons. ***Grateful Thanks to all for your generous contributions.***

**PARISH NOTICES**

\* ***Faith Formation Programme*** There will be a special end of year ***Know and Share*** meeting on Thursday 17th Dec2015 beginning with Holy Mass in All Saints at 6:30pm. A hearty welcome awaits everyone.

\* ***Christmas Raffle*** Draw will take place in Immaculate Conception Conservatory on Tuesday 15th December after Mass. Minced Pies, teas, etc. will be provided. **Please return all counterfoils before the draw.**

\* ***Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Night*** at St John'sParish Hall on **Sunday 20th** December after Mass at 6:30pm. Tickets £5. All are welcome.

**SCHOOLS**

\* Bishop Hedley School ***Senior Citizen Christmas Party*** is on Thurs 17th Dec at 1pm. Contact Robin on 01685 351860 by Monday 14th Dec. to book a place.

\* **All Saints School** has two dinnertime supervisor vacancies. Application pack is to be collected from the school and returned by December 14th.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

CHRISTMAS EVE: All Saints – 6:00pm St. John – 8:00pm

Immaculate Conception – 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: Immaculate Conception – 9:30am

**“The Door of Mercy” will be open from 13th Dec 2015 to 20th November 2016 in: St David’s Cathedral; St Mary’s Merthyr Tydfil; St Mary’s Newport; St Mary’s Bridgend and Belmont Abbey.**

**Let us make pilgrimage to these places to receive the mercy of God.Pastoral Area of Immaculate Conception, Tredegar**

**All Saints, Ebbw Vale and St John’s, Rhymney**

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**3rd Week of Advent** Year C  *Mass book* *page* ***87*** 13th Dec 15

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| Vigil | 5:30pm | Immaculate Conception | Mary, Christopher, Terrence, John & Patrick Sheehy; Kathleen Durham & The Lewis Family |
| 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) | 9:00am | **Immaculate Conception** | Patricia Baines RIP  Peggy Richardson RIP |
| 10:30am | **All Saints** | Bill Worthington RIP  Patrick & Alice Murphy RIP |
| 5:30pm | **St John’s** | Maria Luisa |
| Monday 14th | 10:00am | **St John’s** | Bridie, John & Gary Roberts |
| Tuesday 15th | 7:00pm | **Immaculate Conception** | Tess, Jack, Kath & Dennis O’Dwyer |
| Wednesday 16th | 10:00am | **All Saints** | Maria Grabner RIP |
| Thurs 17th | 6:30pm | **All Saints** | Thanksgiving |
| Friday 18th | 10:00am | **Immaculate Conception** | Eleanor (Nell) Turner |
| 11:15am | **All Saints** | Funeral Service:  Thomas David McCarthy |
| Saturday 19th | 10:00am | **All Saints** | Cliggett Family Intentions |
| Vigil | 5:30pm | **Immaculate Conception** | Mary, Christopher, Terrance, John & Patrick Sheehy; Joan & John Yandle |
| 4th Sunday of Advent | 9:00am | **Immaculate Conception** | Bill & Doris McCarthy;  James Prued Robson |
| 10:30am | **All Saints** | Barbara Hickey RIP, Graham Megraw RIP Derek Skovronek RIP |
| 5:30pm | **St John’s** | Les & Barbara Cushen |

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**St John’s:** Monday 10:30am until 11:00am

**Immaculate Conception:** Friday 12 noon until 3:00pm

**All Saints:** Daily from10:30am until 6:00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

**St John’s:** Monday after Mass; Sunday 5:00pm

**Immaculate Conception:** Tuesday 6:30pm; Saturday 5:00pm

**All Saints:** Wednesday & Saturday after Mass

**Vigil Lamps**

**Immaculate** **Conception** Our Lady Yvonne Brown

**Immaculate** **Conception** Sacred Heart Michael William O’Sullivan RIP

**All Saints** Sacred Heart Pauline Jones RIP

**All Saints** Our Lady Jim & Winnie O'Connor

**All Saints** St Joseph Pauline Jones RIP

**From the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

“The People of the "poor" - those who, humble and meek, rely solely on their God's mysterious plans, who await the justice, not of men but of the Messiah - are in the end the great achievement of the Holy Spirit's hidden mission during the time of the promises that prepare for Christ's coming. It is this quality of heart, purified and enlightened by the Spirit, which is expressed in the Psalms. In these poor, the Spirit is making ready "a people prepared for the Lord." (CCC, 716)

**Gospel Reflection** *from a Parishioner*

**Holy Gospel of Luke 3: 10 - 18**

The "good news" is a message of a topsy- turvy world. John baptizes and preaches to the crowds, the "common folk”, and in answer to the question "What should we do?" he answers to the effect, “more than you would wish to do or that can be expected of you" -- share what you have with those who have not. John's good news is that of a totally different way of seeing life. The question, “What should we do?" is asked three times in today's gospel, and the answer is invariable: reach out to the marginalized with whatever you have and they need. This is the good news of John, and it is identical to the good news Jesus preached. John directs our attention to Jesus and the inauguration of his ministry to the poor and those in need. And so we ask, "What should we do?"

As our Advent journey continues, we turn in hope to Christ and ask,

- LORD JESUS WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Watch over all our children, that they may know your live,

- COME,LORD JESUS'AND DO NOT DELAY.

Protect all who are abused and neglected,

- COME,LORD JESUS,AND DO NOT DELAY

**ADVENT RETREATS 2015**

***“Prepare the Way of the Lord make His path straight” Isaiah 40:3***

There will be Retreat for all our Children from 5years old, and young People in the Pastoral Area on the 19th December 2015 at All Saints Church. Beginning with Holy Mass at 10am till 2.00pm, there will be a lot of activities and a Christmas get-together to end the day.

**Your generous contribution and support towards the retreat will be very much appreciated.**

**Please pray for the parishioners of our Pastoral Area, especially:**

✞ ***the sick and housebound:***

Jeanette Badham, Elise Burgess, Denise Burrows, Yvonne Brown, Grant Caniff, Molly Cini, Jim Clarke, James Cullen, Maria Davies, Maria Death, Brian Garrett, John Godfrey, Michael Gough, Margaret Griffiths, Margaret Hancock, Sally Harris, Kate Hooper, Keyon Hughes, Peggy Hutton, Nicola James, Gary Jones, Celia Jones, Leslie Jones, Mandy Jones, Yvonne Jones, Steve Joyce, Nina Kokkali, Mabel Kelly, Maria Kerwin, Margaret Lawrence, Colin Lee, Pat & Tom Markey, Eileen Michael, Louis Moorhead, Damian Morgan, Maureen Morgan, Mary Morris, Kieran Moseley, Mary Moseley, Des Murphy, Shirley Murphy, Adam Newbury, Brian Norman, Audrey Norris, Cathy O’Leary, Ruth Phillips, Bill Pritchard, Owen Pritchard, Christopher Rich, Eileen Richards, Paul Riley, Samuel Roach, Maureen Roberts, Norman Roberts, Ivor Rolfe, Paul Roper, Charles Sheehy, Millie Sullivan, Mary Thomas, Nell Turner, Alison Utting, Grant Walshe, Rachel Watkins, Neville Whitcombe, Joan Williams, Kathleen Williams, Pam Williams, Nora Worthington, Helen Yabsley, Veronica Yandle, Tony Zeraschi, Debra Richards, Chelsea, Daniel Morgan Bennett. Raymond Titley. Jim Driscoll, Kitty Surtees.

✞ ***those whose anniversary occurs at this time:***

Patrick Murphy, Emily Burke, Bill Worthington, Margaret Hockney, Mary Slater, Graham Megraw, Barbara Hickey, Bessie O'Leary, Urien Williams. Patricia Baines, Christopher Vincent Yandle, Philip Austin, Dennis Steven Burke, Terence Joseph Collins, June Allen Heath, Rachel Williams, Norah Keneally, Pat Roper, Aldo Roffi.

✞ **ETERNAL REST**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas David McCarthy who passed on the 26th November 2015. His funeral Service will be at All Saints Church on Friday 18th December 2015 at 11.15am.

May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Our sincere sympathies and prayers go to the bereaved family.

**THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: 8TH DECEMBER 2015 – 20TH NOVEMBER 2016**

Our journey in response to God’s goodness and mercy which He freely bestows on us continues. It calls for a total conversion of our interior life so that we will also become His human agents of Mercy in the communities of our Pastoral Area. Let us open ourselves to an encounter with the merciful father through Christ Our Lord.

Come let us celebrate the mercy of God!